

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 3/4/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve Amendment No. 1 to extend the State Water Resources Control Board Agreement (Clerk's File) for an additional year and provide an incremental increase of \$27,000 to continue the ocean water monitoring program from September 30, 2013 through September 30, 2014 and approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign this amendment and future amendments. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board extending the term an additional year from September 30, 2013 to September 30, 2014 and increase the allocation from \$47,821 to \$74,821 to continue the ocean water monitoring program; and 2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the attached amendment and future amendments that do not increase the level of General Fund Support. All Districts.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State / Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$74,821.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$74,821.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>10/30/2012</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: March 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Request to approve Amendment No. 1 to extend the State Water Resources Control Board Agreement (Clerk's File) for an additional year and provide an incremental increase of \$27,000 to continue the ocean water monitoring program from September 30, 2013 through September 30, 2014 and approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign this amendment and future amendments. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board extending the term an additional year from September 30, 2013 to September 30, 2014 and increase the allocation from \$47,821 to \$74,821 to continue the ocean water monitoring program; and
- 2) Approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the attached amendment and future amendments that do not increase the level of General Fund Support. All Districts.

DISCUSSION

On October 30, 2012, the Board approved a contract (Agreement No. 12-046-250) with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$47,821 for the purpose of implementing the beach monitoring and public notification program for the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2013. Amendment 1 was received the end of January 2014 which extends the term date to September 30, 2014 and adds \$74,821. A resolution is required by the State Water Resources Control Board to demonstrate proof of Board approval. The resolution authorizes the Health Officer to sign Amendment 1 to Agreement No. 12-046-250 and future amendments. Environmental Health has been implementing the Beach Monitoring program since 1999. The requirements of the program have not changed since that time. The only changes have been in the dollar amount of the grant.

The purpose of the beach monitoring and public notification program is to provide the public that swims and recreates in our oceans information so that they can make an informed choice about the health risks. There are many risks associated with entering our ocean waters including bacteria/virus/protozoa contamination, physical hazards, sharks and many others. The beach monitoring and public notification program provides information and notification services to the public regarding bacterial/virus/protozoa contamination.

Disease causing bacteria, viruses and protozoa are commonly found in contaminated ocean water and are known to cause diarrhea, vomiting, fever, abdominal cramps, common colds, respiratory infections, hepatitis, cryptosporidiosis, salmonellosis, giardiasis, and dysentery. While swimming or recreating in the ocean may result in self-limiting illnesses, more serious illnesses such as hepatitis and cryptosporidiosis are also a possibility. Children, elderly and people with weakened immune systems are the most vulnerable.

This agreement plus Amendment 1 began on July 1, 2012 and expires on September 30, 2014. Expenses incurred under Amendment 1 reimburse the County for expenses incurred beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the amendment to the agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The attached amendment with the State Water Resources Control Board provides funding not to exceed \$122,642 for FFY's 2012-13 and 2013-14. The attached amendment increases the FY 2013-14 allocation by \$27,000. The FY 2014-15 recommended budget includes the increased allocation of \$74,821. The number of specimens collected for this program is dependent on ocean water bacteria levels. Technically, the additional funding would provide additional sampling and greater level of bacterial testing. Approval of the resolution authorizes the Health Officer to sign future amendments and agreements that have no effect on the level of General Fund support required by the Public Health Department.

RESULTS

The results intended for this contract are to provide for a safe and healthful environment by monitoring the water quality of our beaches and either posting health warnings or closing access to the ocean if circumstances warrant. By monitoring the water quality along our beaches and notifying the public, tourists and visitors can make informed decisions about entering the water and be protected from various diseases of the skin, lungs, eyes, and ears. In FY 2012-13, fifty-nine health advisories were issued and there were two beach closures. Services provided by this contract contribute to the County goal to provide a safe and healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk' File Statement for Amendment No. 1 to the State Water Resources Control Board Agreement.
2. Resolution authorizing Health Officer to sign amendment.